

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

1. Admit your need.
"I am a sinner."
2. Be willing to turn from your sins.
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
"I believe you did what you said you did—that you died on the cross then rose from the dead and have the power to save me."
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit.
"Please come into my life and change me. Make me a new person."
5. If you have recently received Christ, we would like to give you a Bible and some study materials. Contact Janine Miller if you are interested.

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Events in Our Church Family

Today

12:00 pm Camp Leaders' Meeting (Fell. Hall)
3:00 pm First Anniversary Shindig (Berrier's Res.)

Monday

9:30 am Pioneer Camp Begins!
10a-3pm Sanctuary Reserved

Tuesday

10a-3pm Pioneer Camp
Fellowship Hall Reserved

Wednesday

6:30 am Pioneer Camp
5:30 pm Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Potluck Picnic at Camp Clifton

Thursday

8:00 pm Brass Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am Summer Sunday School
11:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

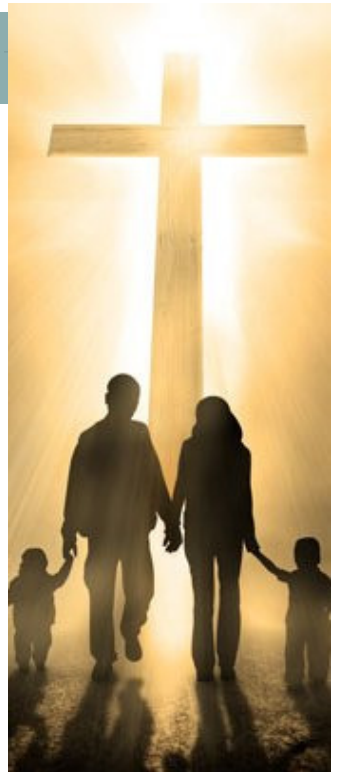
FPC NEWS

July 28, 2019

First Anniversary Shindig at the Berrier's!



- The White's first anniversary here at FPC is here and we want to celebrate!
- Don & Louise Berrier will be hosting a picnic at their place (4169 Cortsville Rd.) this afternoon beginning at 3:00 pm with dinner at 5:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs, swim suits, and side dish and dessert to share. Paper products, meat, drinks, and a bonfire will be provided. See you there!



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Pioneer Camp & Potluck This Week!



Camp registration/check-in begins tomorrow morning at Camp Clifton at 9:30 am.

The church family is invited to close camp with a **potluck** at 5:30 pm this Wednesday at Camp Clifton (2256 Clifton Rd., Yellow Springs). Please bring a dessert & side dish to share. Paper supplies, drinks, and Lee's chicken will be provided.

From an Elder

Shepherding, Part III

Hello again, church family. With this continuing update, I bring to you the third and final summary of the recent study the Session completed entitled *Recovering the Office of Elder, The Shepherd Model*, by Eric Laverentz. The series details how the church has drifted from a biblical model of church governance and urges congregations to return to the proper roles of the elder/deacon offices recorded in Scripture.

In this final installment, Laverentz highlights the key roles of an elder: 1) to be a representative of the people; 2) in conjunction with pastors and ministers; and 3) in exercising government and discipline. Since the last installment focused on church discipline, I would like to focus on the main thrust of his article – that elders should govern the church *in conjunction with* the pastor. Laverentz argues that this governance is to focus on the *spiritual* governance of the God’s people, as opposed to the physical or temporal government. Physical and temporal matters are, instead, reserved to the deaconate. As a practical matter,

this can be summed up as follows: Deacons are concerned with the “things” of the church, while elders should be concerned with the “people” of the church. This is not to diminish the work of the deacons – their work is necessary, valued and, indeed, biblically mandated. It is not of lesser value, but merely of a different kind.

For me as an elder, the most memorable distinction Laverentz makes is this simple formula: Elders should know the church’s *people* better than its *programs*. This involves “spending time with God, preaching, teaching, studying, training leaders, providing pastoral care, counseling troubled souls, casting visions, etc.” As co-shepherds of the flock of God’s people, it is a wonderful realization that we have amazing, dedicated deacons who take care of the materials things of the church. This frees us as elders to fulfill our roles to minister to the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please lean on us – and into us – as we shoulder your burdens, answer your deep questions, and help to counsel your griefs and celebrate with you as you enjoy God’s unlimited grace.

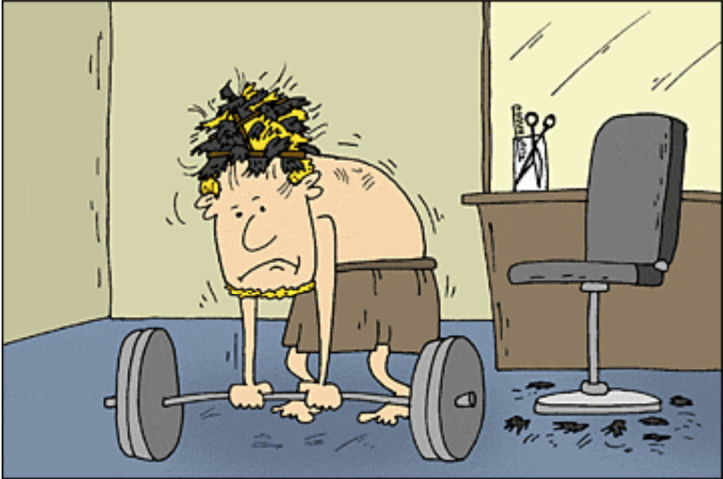
—by Rob Vaughn

Sermon Series: The Holy Spirit

Aug. 4—Sovereignty (Psalm 139:1-24)
Aug. 11—Unity (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Where to turn to for help & answers...

Card Ministry	Barbara Florence
Chair Loan	Janine Miller
Change of Address, Phone or Name	Janine Miller
Church Calendar	Janine Miller
Deacons	Dan Smith, Fred Berge, Jim Lightle Bob Entler, Steve Paugh, Brad Timmons
Food Pantry	Jim Lightle, Fred Berge, Dan Smith
Maintenance, Church Building	Bob Entler
Membership	Pastor Aaron White
Music Ministry	Carol Wildman, Deanna Mattinson
Newsletter	Janine Miller
Nursery	Julie White
Pioneer Camp	Rachel Conrad
Prayer Chain	Janine Miller
Rental, Church Facilities	Janine Miller
Session	Pastor Aaron White, Dave Morrow, Aaron Baldauff Chuck Wildman, Jim Hildebrand, Janine Miller, Rob Vaughn
Small Groups	Don Grigorenko
Website	Janine Miller
Youth Ministry	Dave Morrow, Pam Vaughn



"BUMMER", THOUGHT SAMSON'S BARBER,
AFTER EXPERIMENTING W/ SAMSON'S HAIR
CLIPPINGS

August Greeters & Readers

Greeters

8:30 Service—Todd & Jenny Severt
11:00 Service—Aug 4—Bryant’s
Aug. 11-28—Hill’s

8:30 Service Reader

Reader needed!
(Sign up at the Welcome Center)

Aug. Anniversaries

Aug. 3 Jeff & Janine Miller—34 years
Aug. 22 Dave & Arlene Morrow—32 years
Aug. 27 Dick & Linda Smith—36 years

Nursery

Aug. 4—Tom & Lois Staton & Sarah White
Aug. 11—Barbie Cain
Aug. 18—Deanna & Kate Mattinson
Aug. 25—Mackenzie White

August’s
Food Pantry
Requests

Canned Tuna
Beef Stew

Thank you so much for your
donations! Please place them in
the Food Pantry bin in the
Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to the following people for their service to God
during the past month:

Tom & Lois Staton and Mike & Christy Routzahn for
greeting at our worship services.

Don & Louise Berrier for hosting the Shindig this afternoon!

Rob Vaughn for being the guest Session writer for the Newslet-
ter this month.

Pastor Aaron & Kevin Mattinson for leading VBS.

Deanna Mattinson for being our liaison for VBS.

Sharon Allen, Diana Timmons, Rose White, Jennifer Whetstone, Caleb Mat-
tinson, & Micah Mattinson who helped with VBS.

Jenny Severt, Sharon Allen, Sandra Hazel, Sarah White, Jane Hildebrand,
Louise Berrier, Nan Stiles, Barb Florence, and Rachel Baldauff who provided food
for our VBS dinner.

Jed Miller & Emerson Severt for mowing the church lawn.

Caleb Mattinson, Micah Mattinson, Matthew Vaughn, Jed Miller, Mindy Wild-
man, and Brad Timmons for running the sound/projection booth for worship.



A prayer of Gustazad who was a high official in the king of Persia’s
court in the fourth century and an eventual martyr of the faith:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: I was a lost sheep, and you brought me back; I had strayed
from your holy fold, and by the exertions of that most capable of your shepherds,
Simeon [He was a Persian bishop who was martyred the day after his protégé], you
found out where I was. He went out to look for me, and he put me with those of your
sheep that had been fattened for the slaughter. I was to be a son to the apostles, a
brother to the martyrs who had received the garland in the west, a good example to
your people in the east. Let them not fall away, let them not lose the true faith - faith
in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the truly Existing, the glorious King, whom all that
worship the Holy Trinity, in heaven and on earth, confess and ever will confess, age
after age. Amen.

The Pastor’s Books...

Please come use my books! Over the past ten years I have been diligently building a biblical studies library with the goal that I would have at my fingertips. Many of you have probably noticed the large bookshelf in my office full of books. All of those books are either bible commentaries, bible dictionaries, church history, theology books, or other important reference works. I use them weekly to prepare for my sermons, and to write my books and articles. You are more than welcome to do the same! Please simply email me if you are interested in seeing what I have or if you are interested in using anything there. Blessings to you!



~Pastor Aaron

Renovation at Gilbert’s

The renovation work at Gilbert’s has begun! Painters have been hired and repairs are starting soon. A concert has been scheduled for Aug. 29 with Gilbert’s as the venue so things will begin moving quickly in order to be completed by then. If God has blessed you with the skill of carpentry, painting, decorating, DIY projects, etc., please contact Julie White as soon as possible at 206-8388 or 462-9045. *Many thanks to those of you who have already committed to helping!!*

Basketball Hoop

We are removing the basketball hoop at Gilbert’s. If anyone is interested in it OR if you know someone who would like it, please contact Julie White at 206-8388 or 462-9045 ASAP. Since it’s always been inside, it’s in very good shape.



Below is a selection from the Epistle of Diognetes—a letter from about 200AD. The Greek writer and recipient are unknown, but this letter is probably the earliest example of Christian apologetics, writings defending Christianity from its accusers. I (PA) found this helpful as we think through our politics, ethics, extra-curriculars, and how we should live as Christians in a world that bids our souls to many other things as priority over our faith:

For the Christians are distinguished from other men neither by country, nor language, nor the customs which they observe. For they neither inhabit cities of their own, nor employ a peculiar form of speech, nor lead a life which is marked out by any singularity. The course of conduct which they follow has not been devised by any speculation or deliberation of inquisitive men; nor do they, like some, proclaim themselves the advocates of any merely human doctrines.

But, inhabiting Greek as well as barbarian cities, according as the lot of each of them has determined, and following the customs of the natives in respect to clothing, food, and the rest of their ordinary conduct, they display to us their wonderful and confessedly

striking method of life. They dwell in their own countries, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share in all things with others, and yet endure all things as if foreigners. Every foreign land is to them as their native country, and every land of their birth as a land of strangers.

They marry, as do all [others]; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh.

They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives. They love all

men, and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned; they are put to death, and restored to life.

They are poor, yet make many rich; they are in lack of all things, and yet abound in all; they are dishonoured, and yet in their very dishonour are glorified. They are evil spoken of, and yet are justified; they are reviled, and bless; they are insulted, and repay the insult with honour; they do good, yet are punished as evil-doers. When punished, they rejoice as if quickened into life; they are assailed by the Jews as foreigners, and are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to assign any reason for their hatred.